

INSIDE INFORMATION

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PRISONERS OF CLASS CONFLICT, INJUSTICE AND OPPRESSION, STRUGGLES WITHIN PRISON WALLS.

AN INNOCENT MAN

Martin Foran was blatantly framed for armed robbery and sentenced to 10 years, which is now finished. During his sentence, to draw attention to severe medical problems which were being ignored, he took a screw hostage. For this, another 6 years were added to his sentence.

Martin's health problems are very severe. The prison service is denying him medical attention.

The latest on Martin is that he was moved from Parkhurst up to Frankland, in Durham. He was supposed to be booked in for an operation in St. Mary's Hospital in the Isle of Wight in April. Frankland Prison is in the medical catchment area of Walton Prison, where Martin may be moved for 'treatment'. Walton Hospital Wing is still being run by the same scum who kicked hell out of Martin after the last operation, and who are directly responsible for the destruction of his health. They were found guilty of the attack but are not to be prosecuted.



Martin is being given the wrong colectomy bags, and was left with shit pouring out of his belly for hours. He suffered a heart attack on April 15th; the doctors say another one will kill him. He also has cancer of the right eye. All this is a direct result of the Prison Department's procrastination. They are determined to continually delay treatment until Martin is dead.

MARTIN FORAN C51746, HMP FRANKLAND, PO BOX 40, FINCHALE AVE, BRASSIDE, DURHAM DH1 5YD, ENGLAND.

Write to the Governor of HMP Frankland at the above address. Pressure must be put on in order to save Martin's life.

A comprehensive case document on Martin's fight is available in binder from Box JAG, 52 Call Lane, Leeds L11, for £2 and large SAE and post.

...down's Hole camp in Somerset

Hunger strike

FIFTEEN Kurdish refugees being held in Winchester Prison have gone on hunger strike in protest at their treatment. The Kurds fled persecution in Turkey to seek asylum in Britain.

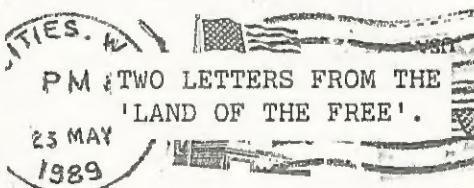
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German Hunger Strike 'Victory'

The hunger strike by Red Army Faction political prisoners in various gaols across Germany has ended in what appears to be at least partial victory. As reported in last month's Red All Over, they were being kept in isolation and generally inhuman conditions.

Although there has not yet been a statement from the prisoners, it seems that those states under Social Democratic control have given in to the demand of free association but those under Conservative administrations are still to be held in conditions internationally recognised as psychological torture.

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REVOLUTIONARY CELL?

Paul Wright is doing life, along with Ed Mead he produces the Red Dragon Newsletter, a Marxist-oriented analysis of prison struggles around the world.

Many greetings from the gulag. Please note my new address. The pigs at Monroe transferred me here, to a more repressive kamp, after I actively participated in a class action lawsuit against double-celling and bad conditions. After we'd won in court, the State attempted to panic us into capitulation by threatening to close the prison! This was backed by inmate collaborators and informers. I spoke out against this at a prisoner meeting attended by 52 'lifers' - that we had fought too

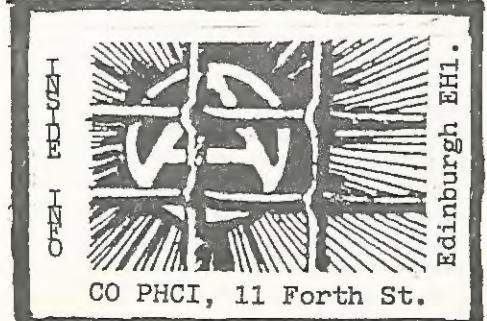
hard and too long since 1978, and had made too many sacrifices to just throw away what we had already won in court; that if they closed down the prison, then so be it, we would run 700 pigs onto the Welfare lines! This got a standing ovation and a unanimous vote of 'No capitulation'.

The next day I was slammed into isolation as a 'threat to security', and accused of 'developing an international revolutionary network that advocates armed resistance against the U.S. government', and of participating in the Red Dragon; also of writing a letter to Class War telling them that I'd try to write an article about nuclear disarmament in Europe. For this I was accused of 'offering to share (my) military knowledge and information about U.S. military bases and nuclear weapons in the U.K. with anti-U.S. groups in London, England'.

Yes, folks, the World Revolution is being started out of a prison cell in the small town of Monroe, W.A...

I'm in the process of litigating this transfer as it's patently illegal. Despite the continuing repression - all my mail is being opened, read, photocopied; some is rejected, more disappears, and the pigs have disrupted direct communication between Ed and myself - despite this, the Red Dragon will be published this August. We are soliciting articles, art, info, etc.. Send these direct to: Ed Mead, PO Box 777, Monroe, W.A. 98272, USA. Ed will also be printing a 1990 Prisoners Calendar, available in July.

In Struggle,
Paul Wright., 930783, POB 520, 8-14, Walla Walla, WA 99362, USA.



TORTURED WOMAN

"My name is Linda Couch. I was once a mother of three children and a nursing student. But now I am a number, a victim of the system, at the mercy of the STATE.....

"I was married at the young age of 16. I was married for 14 years to a cruel, unmerciful, sick-minded man. I lived in constant fear, I walked on egg-shells. I was terrified of the man, so I endured the humiliation, the physical abuse, mental abuse and sexual abuse. Oh, he was good at not showing his handywork on me, and I dared not breath a word of it. Even my own children do not know the cruel abuse that I had to endure in order to protect them.

"In the 14 years I was abused, he threatened to kill me many times. He threatened my mother if I left him and went home, and he threatened the lives of my three children if I divorced him, as I had intentions of doing. I had no-one to turn to, nowhere to hide. I was trapped like an animal, and that is how I was treated like an animal.

"I could not have friends for he kept me to himself; I was with him 24 hours a day. (He was permanently out of work, due to a disability) I could not go anywhere without him or the children. I had no free time to myself. If I went anywhere he had me timed; I would have to call him to tell him that I was where I was supposed to be, then I would have to call him before coming back home and if I was just a minute longer than he thought I should be, I would be tortured that night when the children could not see or hear me cry for mercy.



"Many times I was tied to the bed naked and spread-eagled so that he could torture me sexually. One time he called over 4 men and I was raped over and over until I passed out. He took pictures of it all and used them as blackmail to keep me in line.

"In front of family, neighbours, and friends of his he was the perfect husband and father. The only person who knew of my abuse was my mother, and I did not tell her everything. She couldn't have taken it.

"He would never let me do anything on my own; even going to college was a joke, for he went too, and was in every class I took. I could not shit by myself - he even went to the bathroom with me. I was smothered by this man., I felt at times that I could not breath. Many times I tried to kill myself, for only then could I find my peace from him. But even that failed, for he would find out what I had taken, induce vomiting and make me walk all night. When he was sure I would live, he would beat me and torture me for trying to leave him."

One night in October 1984 Linda and her husband had a terrible fight, he went to the bedroom, where a .22 was kept, and when he returned with it , Linda knew that he was going to kill her. She kneed him in the groin, and they struggled for the gun, which went off, shooting her husband through the head and killing him instantly.



"Now I am in PRISON for murdering my husband. I received 20 years to LIFE, seeing no parole till I do at least 20 years. Both my trials were a mockery of JUSTICE. I didn't have a chance in Hell. "Violence has got to stop. Women are not punching bags, we are human beings. I have not stopped being a woman even in prison, and I will not give in to the inhuman treatment we endure day to day.

"I need help to fight this injustice. I will not regain my freedom without help from others who care. The State took everything from me, including my children, who I haven't seen or heard from since 1985. All my letters to them are returned unopened. I have nothing except my pride, and they would take that too if I let them. Please help me, whoever is out there. I want to see my children grow up. I have already missed out on life. Give me that chance to make something of what is left."

Linda Couch, 1479 Collins Ave., Marysville, Ohio 43040 - 17943 NC, USA.
Linda Couch Defence Fund, c/o Counter Information, 11 Forth St, Edinburgh 1

MARIE AND NOEL MURRAY

Anarchist Black Cross is preparing a major campaign for the Murrays, who organised the ABC in the 26 Counties prior to their arrest in 1975. Both were charged with armed robbery and killing a cop. Noel was originally sentenced to death; this was commuted to life imprisonment which, as there is no parole or review board in the 26 Counties, is as long as the omnipotent Justice Minister wants it to be. They are planning to reorganise the Irish ABC upon release, but so far there is no sign of a release date being given.

CONJUGAL RIGHTS

The Murrays would like to have a child before it is too late and have gone to litigation. The case cannot proceed in the Supreme Court until the Judge from the High Court hearing returns the case papers. So far he hasn't got round to it, and it's been five years! Obviously the authorities are hoping that the Murrays have been forgotten. Let's show them otherwise.

MARIE MURRAY, MOUNTJOY PRISON, DUBLIN 7, IRELAND.
NOEL MURRAY, LIMERICK GAOL, CO. LIMERICK, IRELAND.

Defence donations, case details from London ABC, BM Hurricane London WC1N 3XX

ORGANIZER FRAMED

In 1988, in response to allegations that guards beat and killed two black prisoners for touching two white nurses, IWW members at the Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, in conjunction with their local General Defence Committees, drafted a 30 page human rights complaint with 200 pages of exhibits listing various human rights violations and naming names. Over 200 SOCF prisoners attested to the veracity of this document's allegations. SOCF officials confiscated the document in an effort to suppress the investigation but an IWW member was able to smuggle a copy through to the outside and into the London office of Amnesty International (AI), who are currently conducting their own investigation.

In retaliation to this damaging light shed on the Lucasville situation, IWW organizer and jailhouse lawyer John Perotti has been indicted for felonious assault. Perotti has been forefront in all IWW activities at SOCF and has also won lawsuits against the prison for civil rights violations. He has spent 6 of the last 7 years locked in isolation for this activism yet he continues to persevere in his organizing efforts. The prison authorities call his activities "a threat to the security of the institution." Perotti has suffered other forms of retaliation, in particular, this current indictment for assault.

A prisoner, while walking down the range in the SOCF J-4 block, was stabbed in the stomach. Perotti happened to be locked in his cell in that block. No guards or prisoners saw Perotti stab anyone, nor do any even say they did. Yet John Perotti was charged with this stabbing that occurred no where near his cell.

The fact of the matter is that literally thousands of stabbings, prisoner-on-prisoner and guard-on-prisoner stabbings have occurred at SOCF since it opened in 1973 as Ohio's only maximum security prison. Only a small percentage of these incidents have resulted in a prisoner being indicted. Perotti was accused of the stabbing on September 25, 1988 - just days after AI started its investigation. Since September 25, 1988, there have been 15 prisoner-on-prisoner stabbings and two guard-on-prisoner murders. Yet there have been no indictments.

The SW Ohio IWW General Membership Branch, with its two GDC locals, and attorney Jerry McHenry will show that Scioto County prosecutors and SOCF officials practice a policy of selective prosecution - prosecuting only those prisoners who are serious activists and "troublemakers" in the eyes of these officials. And facts will be presented to court that will demonstrate the impossibility of Perotti having committed this stabbing.

The trial is scheduled for June 19, 1989 if not dismissed for selective prosecution. Details of all conditions and human rights violations at SOCF will be brought to bear in this case.

For more information or to make a donation
JOHN PEROTTI DEFENCE FUND
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